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March 28, 2005

Gary Burningham
95 North 200 East
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RE: ML 49699-MP

Dear Mr. Burningham:

I am enclosing my responses to a number of additional opposition letters that I have received from homeowners in the Hatch area so that you will have their names and addresses. These are in addition to the two previous letters that I mailed to you. The letters largely duplicate one another in content and therefore appear to be an organized protest campaign. In summary the letters complain that your proposed mining operations under ML 49699-MP will locally cause the following adverse effects.

Visual blight from Highway 89.

Noise pollution.

Dust and air pollution.

Seismic damage to nearby dwellings and structures from blasting.

Increased traffic on Highway 89 near Hatch.

Closures of local county roads and access.

Contamination of local water supplies and streams.

Death of wildlife and destruction of habitat.

Destruction of local tourism economy.

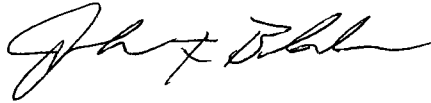
Degradation of property values, especially in the nearby Bonanza Estates.

I can only guess who has whipped up so much opposition to this project, and I think that much of it may be hysteria, but I believe that we must try to deal with these complaints in a responsible manner.

I ask that you consider each of the above concerns as you exercise your rights under the permit and prepare a plan of operations to submit to the Trust Lands Administration for review. Whatever may be done to help mitigate the concerns raised by the populace will be helpful. Such things as locating operations away from highways, structures and water courses; noise and dust controls; use of directional explosives; road maintenance and improvements; restrictive or limited operating times and periods; site security; and, minimization of actual surface disturbance may be considered.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John T. Blake".

John T. Blake
Mineral Resources Specialist

CC: Doug Jensen ✓
Tom Faddies